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Documents establishing the chain of title of the Subject Application and of the First Patent and of the Second Patent and of the Second Application (including the aforementioned assignments and recording locations) have been reviewed and I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, title is in Petitioner.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under 18 USC § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application or any patent issuing thereon.

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